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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Capt. John Dimes

FROM:

Acting Director, Policy Guidance Office

no written input;
revised drafts

SUBJECT:

Input to the DCI's Annual Report ☐

1. ☐ Preparation of the DCI's Annual Report for calendar year 1978, due to the President and the Congress by 25 January 1979, is now under way. The DCI has approved a concept for this year's Annual Report which is more selective than last year's, both because this seems more appropriate to a 1978 characterized by attention to key intelligence issues rather than the comprehensive report approach used for 1977 as a year of extensive community restructuring, and also to limit length for a busy reader to a manageable 30-40 pages (last year's ran 80 plus). The DCI has also approved an outline for this year's report (Attachment 1). Part I is designed to allow the DCI to highlight the particular characteristics and emphases of 1978 in intelligence; Part II is intended to air several issues of great importance to him, his key Executive users, and the Congress. The Annual Report will carry a high classification and receive extremely limited distribution.

2. ☐ You are welcome to provide input and thoughts for any aspect of the outline. We would, however, particularly welcome your overview comments on National/Tactical Interface among the issues of special concern in Part II. The following questions we offer as a point of departure structure:

-- Is it your impression that we are learning to cope with these matters seriatim, or at risk of losing ground to requirements of increasing stringency and systems of greatly increased cost and some technological uncertainty? Or what proportion of both?

-- What proportions of budget priorities, tasking priorities, institutional perspectives, technology (disagreements over cost or feasibility of a task) or other factors seem to you to characterize National/Tactical Interface as a whole?

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-- How have you in practice broken down National/Tactical Interface into subcategories of kinds of issues in order to deal with the national/tactical basket of issues in manageable and appropriate packages?

-- Which issues, activities, decisions, etc., in 1978 strike you as having surfaced key aspects of the perennial national/tactical trade-off in particularly significant ways, and why?

-- What in 1978 have struck you as among the more promising approaches (methods or specific activities) to sorting out national/tactical issues, and why?

-- Which aspects of National/Tactical Interface particularly need attention now and why?

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Attachments:

1. DCI Revised Outline - AR for 1978
2. DCI letter to NFIB principals requesting help on Annual Report

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